

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled. New Claims 9-17 have been added. New Claims 9-17 are based substantially on Claims 1-8 as filed. Multiple dependencies have been removed; informalities due to translation corrected; and further changes have been made, where necessary, to bring the claims into conformity with practice in the United States.

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added.

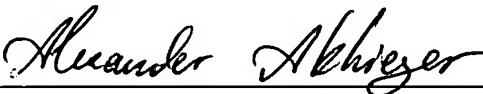
This amendment introduces no new matter.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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